

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has imposed a restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to compounds in which G2 is included, and both G1 and G3 are excluded.
- II. Claim 5, drawn to compounds in which all of the following are excluded: G1, G2, and G3.
- III. Claims 11-15, drawn to compounds in which G2 is included, and G1 is excluded.
- IV. Claims 11-13, 15, drawn to compounds in which G2 is excluded, and G1 is excluded.
- V. Claims 16-37, drawn to compounds.
- VI. Claims 40-42, 48, 50-53, drawn to a conjugate between Group 1 molecules and a BAM.
- VII. Claims 43 and 49, drawn to a conjugate between Group 3 molecules and a BAM.
- VIII. Claims 43 and 49, drawn to a conjugate between Group 4 molecules and a BAM.
- IX. Claims 44-45, drawn to a conjugate between Group 5 molecules and a BAM.

Applicants hereby elect Group V, claims 16-37, directed to compounds defined by the formulas recited in the claims, and the species of compound 25a in Figure 5. Claims readable on the elected species include claims 16-28, 34-35, 36, and 37. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants further appreciate the Examiner's comment in the Office Action that flexibility in the restriction requirement is likely if agreement can be reached as to what is novel.

Applicants therefore look forward to rejoining the groups in later prosecution. There are many possibilities for joining some of the groups that the Examiner has defined together. For example, Groups I, II and III could be grouped together, and conjugates of the compounds can be rejoined with the compounds.



CONCLUSION

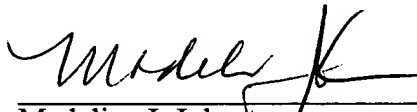
Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 252312007300. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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